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Page 2	25	remember when you started in Accounting?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: I think it was October
2	1997.
3	MR. PATTON: Okay. In Accounting.
4	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
5	MR. PATTON: And when you started,
6	who what was your position?
7	MS. ORTEGA: I started as an
8	Accountant I in the
9	MR. PATTON: An Accountant are
10	you an accountant?
11	MS. ORTEGA: Well, now the
12	classification is Accounting Officer
13	MR. PATTON: Okay.
14	MS. ORTEGA: Accounting
15	Administrator.
16	MR. PATTON: Okay.
17	MS. ORTEGA: That was that's a
18	lower level Accountant I.
19	MR. PATTON: Okay. And do you have
20	formal training in accounting?
21	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
22	MR. PATTON: What kind of training?
23	MS. ORTEGA: Well, I have an
2 4	associate's degree and then
25	MR. PATTON: In accounting.
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1	MS. ORTEGA: I've taken the fund
2	accounting class through Finance.
3	MR. PATTON: Do you have an AA in
4	accounting?
5	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
6	MR. PATTON: And then you've taken
7	what?
8	MS. ORTEGA: The fund accounting
9	class that Department of Finance gives.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay.
11	MS. ORTEGA: And then the various
12	CALSTARS classes.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. So you've been
14	at this a while.
15	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
16	MR. PATTON: I like it.
17	MS. ORTEGA: I like numbers.
18	MR. PATTON: Who when you
19	started, you were an Accountant I. Who was
20	the Accounting Officer at the time? Do you
21	recall? The head of Accounting?
22	MS. ORTEGA: The head of Accounting?
23	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
2 4	MS. ORTEGA: What was Freda
25	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Luanne Dunne (ph.).
2	MR. PATTON: Who did you report to
3	originally?
4	MS. ORTEGA: I reported to Cheryl
5	Kilzer.
6	MR. PATTON: And then it went to
7	Freda? Or were there more people in between
8	you and Freda?
9	MS. ORTEGA: Then it went to Freda.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay. So you had one
11	intermediary when you started?
12	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
13	MR. PATTON: And you reported, I'm
14	sorry, to who?
15	MS. ORTEGA: Cheryl Kilzer.
16	MR. PATTON: Okay. Oh, I've seen
17	that name.
18	MR. MATTSON: It was on the e-mails.
19	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Okay. So you
20	started what we're trying to do is we're
21	we've not been able and I think until
22	Finance, working with the Parks admin and
23	budget people and accounting people, I think
24	you are you involved right now in trying to
25	help locate records and because I know
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1	Controllers officers are running around here,
2	Finance is.
3	MS. ORTEGA: Right. Yeah, I've been
4	asked to pull copies of our financial
5	statements.
6	MR. PATTON: From Accounting?
7	MS. ORTEGA: From Accounting, yeah.
8	MR. PATTON: And do you how far
9	back do the statements go; do you know?
10	MS. ORTEGA: We were just looking at
11	them a couple weeks ago, so I want to say it
12	goes back '01 or '02.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. Do you
14	MS. ORTEGA: We usually just keep
15	like five records
16	MR. PATTON: Right.
17	MS. ORTEGA: five years of those,
18	but we wanted to keep them a little bit
19	longer.
20	MR. PATTON: You wanted to?
21	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, because we were
22	giving them to Central Records, and I think
23	they didn't want to keep them anymore, so we
24	just decided to keep an extra set with us.
25	MR. PATTON: So you've been
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1	archiving older files, but then Central
2	Records
3	MS. ORTEGA: Just the year-end
4	statements, yeah. Our Central Records, not
5	the state archive
6	MR. PATTON: Right.
7	MS. ORTEGA: our own
8	department
9	MR. PATTON: Right.
10	MS. ORTEGA: because we had them,
11	Budget's had them, Audits has them. So it was
12	just an extra set that they didn't need. So I
13	want to say maybe the first few years I was
14	here we gave them to Central Records, and the
15	last ten we didn't.
16	MR. PATTON: And what were you
17	what were you saving? Are you saving all of
18	the accounting records that went into building
19	that year-end accounting statement?
20	MS. ORTEGA: Just the financial
21	statements. So back then, they were done
22	manually, so the accrual worksheet, the Report
23	1, 3s, 5s, and 15s.
24	MR. PATTON: Okay.
25	MS. ORTEGA: And then we went to the
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1	automated through CALSTARS.
2	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
3	MS. ORTEGA: And so that has like
4	the B06 that's generated from CALSTARS. And
5	if we had any adjustments, those are
6	transaction letters that go to Controllers as
7	a Report 3. So all of those are in there.
8	MR. PATTON: Did you while you've
9	been working here I mean, you've
10	probably I'm sure you're aware, you've seen
11	news reports about that the twenty million has
12	not been reported to Finance that is has
13	been reported to Controllers in the SPRF fund.
14	Were you aware, during this ten-year period or
15	so, that that was that that was the case?
16	MS. ORTEGA: I knew about it. I
17	don't know if I knew for ten years because I
18	was lower level; I didn't have to work with
19	that at all. But I have been supervising a
20	while, and my staff has to prepare the fund
21	condition statements that we after we're
22	done with our year-end statements to
23	Controllers, we have to use year-end reports,
2 4	and we prepare a fund condition statement. So
25	my staff does that. I did it one year and
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then
MR. PATTON: So hang on one
second.
MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
MR. PATTON: So your staff, Lisa's
staff prepares so you are now an Accounting
Administrator II, so that's a mid-management
type of position?
MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
MR. PATTON: And you have a staff of
what?
MS. ORTEGA: Well, I have two units
now so about twenty people.
MR. PATTON: Wow.
MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
MR. PATTON: So you're supervising
twenty people?
MS. ORTEGA: I have two managers
under me, so I have
MR. PATTON: Ah.
MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. I have
MR. PATTON: Twenty-two people.
MS. ORTEGA: No, that includes them.
MR. PATTON: All right.
MS. ORTEGA: That includes
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1	everybody.
2	MR. PATTON: So two submanagers and
3	a bunch of staff.
4	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
5	MR. PATTON: And they prepare the
6	year-end financial statements?
7	MS. ORTEGA: So my general ledger
8	unit does that.
9	MR. PATTON: General ledger unit?
10	MS. ORTEGA: Yes. I'm over
11	cashiering, too.
12	MR. PATTON: All right. See, we're
13	learning a new language. The general ledger
14	unit.
15	MS. ORTEGA: You're going to be
16	accountants pretty soon.
17	MR. PATTON: Yeah, yeah. It's good
18	stuff. Always fun to learn another language.
19	Habla Espanol?
20	MS. ORTEGA: No.
21	MR. PATTON: No?
22	MS. ORTEGA: Poco.
23	MR. PATTON: Okay. When did you
2 4	start supervising people?
25	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, my goodness. I've
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1	probably been doing it maybe six years.
2	MR. PATTON: Well, did you
3	MS. ORTEGA: I'm not positive. I'd
4	have to go back and look.
5	MR. PATTON: Were you in a
6	supervisory position lower than Accounting
7	Admin II?
8	MS. ORTEGA: No, no.
9	MR. PATTON: This is because you
10	said you have two sort of managers under you
11	who supervise
12	MS. ORTEGA: They're Accounting
13	Administrator Is.
14	MR. PATTON: You were never an
15	Accounting
16	MS. ORTEGA: I was.
17	MR. PATTON: You were?
18	MS. ORTEGA: I was that level.
19	MR. PATTON: So you must have
20	supervised somebody as an Accounting
21	Administrator I?
22	MS. ORTEGA: Yes. I had ten people
23	then.
24	MR. PATTON: And you were an
25	Accounting Administrator I from when to when?
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1	Let me make it easy for you. When did you
2	become an Accounting Administrator II, your
3	current
4	MS. ORTEGA: To be honest, I don't
5	remember, three or four years ago.
6	MR. PATTON: Okay. So up until that
7	time, you were an Accounting Admin I?
8	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
9	MR. PATTON: And you'd been an
10	Accounting Admin 1 for what?
11	MS. ORTEGA: Probably three years.
12	MR. PATTON: Okay. And so then you
13	had ten people
14	MS. ORTEGA: It was probably from
15	'03, but not positive. I'd have to go back
16	and look.
17	MR. PATTON: Do you think do you
18	think from like you're thinking like what?
19	'03 to
20	MS. ORTEGA: Maybe 2003.
21	MR. PATTON: Account Admin I three
22	or so years, so maybe from '03?
23	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, yeah.
24	MR. PATTON: Maybe from '03. And
25	then by '06 or '07 you got promoted to Account
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1	Admin II?
2	MS. ORTEGA: I would say so.
3	MR. PATTON: Something like that.
4	So you're maybe you're going into your
5	fifth year or so now. Okay. So we'll just
6	say from we're just going to guesstimate
7	from question mark 2007 on. Now, you
8	indicated that you did learn about this
9	discrepancy between the year-end report that,
10	my understanding is, Accounting prepares for
11	the SCO, right?
12	MS. ORTEGA: Well, yeah. We don't
13	prepare the fund condition statement for SCO.
14	MR. PATTON: Right.
15	MS. ORTEGA: So the fund
16	condition
17	MR. PATTON: Wait, wait. Fund
18	condition statement is for the SCO?
19	MS. ORTEGA: No. We do
20	MR. PATTON: The year-end
21	MR. MATTSON: Year-end
22	MS. ORTEGA: Year-end financial
23	statements
2 4	MR. PATTON: Is for the SCO.
25	MS. ORTEGA: those go to SCO.
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MR. PATTON: And you do that's
right.
MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. But then after
we're all done, we met the SCO's deadlines, we
go back and use year-end reports, and we have
to prepare this fund condition statement for
our budget office.
MR. PATTON: Okay. Oh, you brought
me some stuff?
MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
MR. PATTON: Nice.
MS. ORTEGA: It's
MR. PATTON: I better get
MS. ORTEGA: I only
MR. PATTON: the really powerful
glasses.
MS. ORTEGA: I only did it one year,
and then I had my staff do it
MR. PATTON: Okay. But before
MS. ORTEGA: so I could learn to
delegate.
MR. PATTON: Okay.
MS. ORTEGA: So this just goes to
our budget office; it doesn't go to
Controllers or anybody.
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1	MR. PATTON: Okay. Wait a minute.
2	Let's and I'm not sure, you tell me at what
3	point we need to go I consider this the
4	weeds because now I see lots of lines and
5	numbers.
6	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
7	MR. PATTON: So you tell me we'll
8	just keep it here.
9	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
10	MR. PATTON: But you tell me when
11	it's time to go in it because I want to ask
12	you the more general question of
13	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
14	MR. PATTON: you you were
15	first brought into the loop and realized that
16	there was a difference between the year-end
17	accounting statement that goes to State
18	Controller and the fund condition report, and
19	you first found out about that when?
20	MS. ORTEGA: About the
21	discrepancy
22	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
23	MS. ORTEGA: between what Budgets
24	reports?
25	MR. PATTON: Yeah. When did you
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1	first see that?
2	MS. ORTEGA: I didn't actually see
3	it. I just my boss when I took this
4	over, she had explained it to me that she
5	MR. PATTON: "This" being
6	MS. ORTEGA: actually had to
7	develop
8	MR. PATTON: the fund condition
9	statement?
10	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, the fund
11	condition statement. And I she was given a
12	special project when she got here to develop
13	this and from an accounting
14	MR. PATTON: Who was that?
15	MS. ORTEGA: Dorothy Kroll.
16	MR. PATTON: Okay.
17	MS. ORTEGA: So I I want to say
18	she had developed this, and then when I got
19	the Accounting Administrator I, I had to start
20	preparing it, but I already had good
21	instructions from her.
22	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.
23	MS. ORTEGA: So we had to use the
24	CALSTARS reports and just that's actuals,
25	and that gets plotted in here.
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1	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.
2	MS. ORTEGA: And I just I never
3	compared this to what is in that salary and
4	wages book in Budgets; I never compared it.
5	MR. PATTON: All right. Rather than
6	me asking it in a specific way, why don't you
7	just tell me in a narrative way
8	MS. ORTEGA: How I found out?
9	MR. PATTON: how and when you
10	came to find out that there was a discrepancy
11	between the two reports.
12	MS. ORTEGA: I would just always
13	hear my boss talking about it, and she
14	MR. PATTON: Dorothy?
15	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, Dorothy Kroll.
16	And she would always the last few budget
17	officers, she would have to work with them
18	because when they prepared their fund
19	condition statements, they never matched ours.
20	And so she would have to go through everything
21	and explain to them what
22	MR. PATTON: "Them" being the budget
23	people?
24	MS. ORTEGA: she had been told.
25	Yeah, the budget people. So after
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1 MR. PATTON: Particularly and 2 specifically the budget office? 3 MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. So like Manuel 4 Lopez 5 MR. PATTON: Yeah. 6 MS. ORTEGA: and Jason Summers, 7 they were the first pair there; they knew. 8 And then when Cheryl and Marilyn were working 9 on it, they had asked questions and 10 MR. PATTON: Cheryl and who?	Г
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10 MR. PATTON: Cheryl and who?	
MS. ORTEGA: Cheryl Taylor and	
12 Marilyn Evans-Jones.	
MR. PATTON: Right. Hang on a	
14 second. Manny so Dorothy would talk with	
15 Manny and Jason	
MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.	
MR. PATTON: who?	
MS. ORTEGA: Jason Summers.	
MR. PATTON: Summers. They're	
20 budget types.	
MS. ORTEGA: They were the budget	
MR. PATTON: What was Jason's	
position? Was he the Assistant Admin	
24 Director?	
MS. ORTEGA: He was the Assistant	
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1	Budget Officer.
2	MR. PATTON: Yeah, that's what I
3	meant.
4	MS. ORTEGA: I don't really I
5	don't know their classifications.
6	MR. PATTON: Assistant Budget
7	Officer. Okay.
8	MS. ORTEGA: I want to say Manuel
9	was an SSM3 and maybe Jason was a 2 or a 1.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay. And then she
11	would also talk, you said, to who? Cheryl?
12	MS. ORTEGA: Cheryl
13	MR. PATTON: Cheryl who?
14	MS. ORTEGA: Taylor.
15	MR. PATTON: Taylor. And these
16	people were in Accounting?
17	MS. ORTEGA: Budgets.
18	MR. PATTON: Budget. Okay. Cheryl
19	Taylor and who?
20	MS. ORTEGA: And Marilyn Evans.
21	MR. PATTON: In Budget.
22	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
23	MR. PATTON: We'll figure out what
2 4	their positions were. Marilyn Evans.
25	MS. ORTEGA: Jones.
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1	MR. PATTON: Jones.
2	MS. ORTEGA: Evans-Jones.
3	MR. PATTON: Evans hyphen Jones?
4	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
5	MR. PATTON: In Budget.
6	MS. ORTEGA: And then now Elsie
7	Brenneman and
8	MR. PATTON: And how do you know
9	this? Because Dorothy would tell you or were
10	you in the
11	MS. ORTEGA: I was
12	MR. PATTON: in conversations?
13	MS. ORTEGA: I was in the
14	conversations
15	MR. PATTON: Okay.
16	MS. ORTEGA: since my staff had
17	to prepare these, but I don't know the time
18	period.
19	MR. PATTON: No, that's okay.
20	That's all right. And now also Elsie all
21	these people in Budget.
22	MS. ORTEGA: Elsie and then I
23	want to say when Elsie did it last year, it
24	she was working with Marilyn
25	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.
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1	MS. ORTEGA: to do the statements
2	that they have to prepare for Finance, and so
3	Dorothy had to explain to them again.
4	MR. PATTON: Okay. Got it. And
5	these on our spreadsheet, Michael, was are
6	identified as Assistant Budget Officers. So
7	you're like an you're an Assistant
8	Accounting Officer. You and the Accounting
9	Officer are meeting with the Budget Officer,
10	and the Budget Officer
11	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
12	MR. PATTON: and Assistant Budget
13	Officer, everybody knows.
14	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
15	MR. PATTON: Okay. No there's no
16	secret in that in these amongst all of
17	you?
18	MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.
19	MR. PATTON: So tell me about those
20	conversations. What do you recall when
21	MS. ORTEGA: Just Dorothy
22	MR. PATTON: Dorothy would say
23	MS. ORTEGA: telling them that
24	they needed to let Finance know what the real
25	figures are. She kept saying "these are
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1	actuals"				
2		MR.	PATTON:	Right.	
3		MS.	ORTEGA:	"these are o	ur
4	actuals.	Th	ey're fro	m CALSTARS"	
5		MR.	PATTON:	Yeah.	
6		MS.	ORTEGA:	"so we can't	change
7	anything	her	e."		
8		MR.	PATTON:	What's CALSTARS	?
9		MS.	ORTEGA:	That's the repo	rting
10	system.				
11		MR.	PATTON:	Yeah.	
12		MS.	ORTEGA:	It's the statew	ide
13	reporting	g sy:	stem.		
14		MR.	PATTON:	And DOS reporti	ng
15	system?				
16		MS.	ORTEGA:	Um-hum.	
17		MR.	PATTON:	Yeah. Californ	ia State
18	Reporting	g Sy	stem.		
19		MS.	ORTEGA:	Oh, gosh.	
20		MR.	PATTON:	Administrative	
21	Reporting	g Sy	stem; I d	on't know. CALS	TARS.
22		MS.	ORTEGA:	State oh, go	sh; I
23	don't kno	. WC			
24		MR.	PATTON:	Who knows?	
25		MS.	ORTEGA:	It's CALSTARS.	
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1	MR. PATTON: Okay. So you're in
2	these meetings with all the budget with all
3	these budget managers and you and Dorothy and
4	some of the other do you have a do you
5	have like you're an Assistant Accounting
6	Officer. Who else from Accounting would be in
7	those meetings?
8	MS. ORTEGA: It's pretty much just
9	Dorothy and I because this has to do
10	MR. PATTON: Okay.
11	MS. ORTEGA: with the general
12	ledger unit.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. And so when
14	Dorothy would bring this up in these meetings,
15	what would the budget who from Budget would
16	say what?
17	MS. ORTEGA: I want to say it was
18	Manuel that would say that I don't know who
19	he heard it from or what that if they
20	reported correctly to the Finance that they
21	would cut our funding, cut our general fund,
22	but that's all I remember. I don't know if
23	he the other ones never said anything like
24	that.
25	MR. PATTON: So at these meetings
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1	when this topic got discussed, Manny would be
2	the person from Budget doing the talking? Is
3	that what you're telling me?
4	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, because it
5	yeah, it wasn't in a big from what I
6	remember, it wasn't in a big conference with a
7	lot of people.
8	MR. PATTON: Right.
9	MS. ORTEGA: It was just between the
10	Accounting and Budget staff.
11	MR. PATTON: Right. But other
12	Budget staff other Budget staff members
13	would be there, but Manny would be the one
14	speaking
15	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
16	MR. PATTON: on behalf of Budget?
17	MS. ORTEGA: Well, he was the Budget
18	Officer
19	MR. PATTON: I know.
20	MS. ORTEGA: at that time.
21	MR. PATTON: Right.
22	MS. ORTEGA: So, yeah, he would
23	yeah.
24	MR. MATTSON: And he said if they
25	reported to Finance they'll cut our budget?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
2	MR. PATTON: You said, "I don't know
3	where he heard it from." What makes you think
4	that he heard it from some other source?
5	MS. ORTEGA: I well, I don't
6	know. I would just
7	MR. PATTON: Did he
8	MS. ORTEGA: I'm assuming that he
9	knew from his boss, but I don't know. I can't
10	swear on that.
11	MR. PATTON: Well, now so let's
12	try to recall exactly what he might have
13	indicated when he did speak on the subject.
14	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
15	MR. PATTON: He reported to the
16	Chief Deputy Director, right?
17	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
18	MR. PATTON: Who is Michael Harris.
19	MS. ORTEGA: Actually, I don't know
20	who he reported to. It was didn't he
21	report straight to Ruth? I don't really know,
22	to be honest.
23	MR. PATTON: I don't know. You
24	don't know?
25	MS. ORTEGA: Huh-uh.

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1	MR. PATTON: What makes you think he
2	might have reported straight to Ruth as
3	opposed to the Chief Deputy?
4	MS. ORTEGA: I don't even know
5	Michael Harris's title. I just assume that
6	all the I don't know their titles, Deputy
7	Directors, he's Deputy Director of Admin. All
8	of those had to report to her.
9	MR. PATTON: Okay. So your
10	understanding
11	MS. ORTEGA: But I just worried
12	about my accounting people and who they report
13	to.
14	MR. PATTON: Oh, of course, of
15	course, of course. I understand. You're
16	doing you're trying to take care of your
17	area. I get that. But I'm just trying I'm
18	just trying to figure out what you might have
19	heard from Manny in terms of his indication
20	that anybody above him had been was also
21	aware and had given any kind of a directive.
22	MS. ORTEGA: I don't think I ever
23	heard him tell me in front of me that somebody
24	knew.
25	MR. PATTON: Okay.

1	MS. ORTEGA: It yeah, I don't
2	know.
3	MR. PATTON: So this issue would
4	come up, and it sounds like Dorothy was pretty
5	good about raising this issue.
6	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, she is.
7	MR. PATTON: I like the way you
8	laugh at that. So tell me just tell me
9	walk me through one of those meetings. Was
10	Dorothy
11	MS. ORTEGA: She gets kind of riled
12	up sometimes and well, I was in a meeting
13	this year with her, and it was we were
14	talking about this new funding we're going to
15	get and it's for revenue generation funding.
16	And we were in there with Aaron, Elsie, and a
17	couple people that had to do with that fund or
18	the tracking of it. And she brought it up
19	because they were talking about the salaries
2 0	and wages books and revenue targets, and she
21	brought it up then that the figures in there
2 2	weren't correct. And she really got upset
23	about it, and then I think that may have been
2 4	when Aaron first found out about it.
2 5	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.

1	MS. ORTEGA: And I don't know; she
2	just was mad.
3	MR. PATTON: That was that was
4	this year?
5	MS. ORTEGA: And rightly so.
6	MR. PATTON: That was this year?
7	MS. ORTEGA: That was this year,
8	yeah.
9	MR. PATTON: Prior years?
10	MS. ORTEGA: And when they were
11	talking about closing state parks, she brought
12	it up in another meeting, too.
13	MR. PATTON: With Manny?
14	MS. ORTEGA: I want to say it was
15	Manuel and Dave Saxby, but
16	MR. PATTON: Yeah. And how was
17	how was her presentation, that also pretty
18	animated?
19	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
20	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Tell me what you
21	remember about that.
22	MS. ORTEGA: Well, sometimes she
23	would just say "why are we closing parks when
24	we're not reporting the right balances," so
25	MR. PATTON: And what would what
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1	would be the response?			
2	MS. ORTEGA: I don't even remember			
3	what they would say.			
4	MR. PATTON: And she's obviously			
5	directing this question to Manny and Dave,			
6	right?			
7	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.			
8	MR. PATTON: Because they're the			
9	people in charge of Budget, right?			
10	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, but at that time,			
11	I think I've only noticed her getting upset			
12	over the last few years down when I'm down			
13	to hall in those meetings that they have			
14	that's admin managers, so just the, like,			
15	personnel, the top of the personnel and their			
16	bench, and then I'm Dorothy, and then I'm			
17	her bench, so I would hear stuff in there.			
18	But I don't remember what their response was.			
19	MR. PATTON: Why?			
20	MS. ORTEGA: Why? I don't know.			
21	MR. PATTON: Why wouldn't you			
22	remember that? It seems like a pretty			
23	exciting topic.			
24	MS. ORTEGA: It's probably just			
25	about maybe that they would cut our general			
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1	fund and people were afraid that they would
2	cut the general fund.
3	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
4	MS. ORTEGA: But then I'm assuming,
5	so I don't know.
6	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Geez, I don't
7	know. Seems like a fairly it's a
8	noteworthy conversation to listen to
9	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
10	MR. PATTON: because it's a
11	debate.
12	MS. ORTEGA: I've been to so many of
13	them, I don't know.
14	MR. PATTON: So this so this
15	it's sort of like you don't recall specifics
16	because this debate's been going on for a long
17	time?
18	MS. ORTEGA: I guess, yeah. That's
19	fair.
20	MR. PATTON: Well, I mean, is that a
21	fair statement?
22	MS. ORTEGA: That's fair.
23	MR. PATTON: You've sat there many
24	meetings where this has come up apparently.
25	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
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1	MR. PATTON: Ever since what? Ever
2	since you became Accounting Admin II.
3	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
4	MR. PATTON: Because you've been in
5	on those you've been at those meetings as
6	her as the leader of her bench.
7	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
8	MR. PATTON: Right?
9	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
10	MR. PATTON: So you've been
11	listening to this for a while.
12	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
13	MR. PATTON: Like maybe five, six
14	years at this point, right?
15	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
16	MR. PATTON: Before that, when you
17	were when you were the head of a ten-person
18	team as an Account what was it? A
19	MS. ORTEGA: Accounting
20	Administrator I.
21	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Were you in
22	were you at those meetings then from '03 to
23	'07?
24	MS. ORTEGA: Probably not. I'm
25	trying to see the time period back here when I
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1	prepared them. I just can't remember with the
2	time. And I only had an hour to prepare
3	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
4	MS. ORTEGA: so I don't
5	MR. PATTON: No worries.
6	MS. ORTEGA: I don't have any
7	documentation of time or anything.
8	MR. PATTON: No worries. So when
9	you would listen to these conversations at
10	these meetings where Dorothy would get
11	animated and be confronting the budget people
12	and why is this not getting reported
13	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
14	MR. PATTON: would what
15	would did Dorothy ever say anything
16	afterwards? I mean, I take it you and Dorothy
17	are in pretty constant communication.
18	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, we're close.
19	MR. PATTON: She obviously was
20	pretty frustrated by this, right?
21	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. And I think she
22	would probably direct like the other budget
23	officer, she'd probably direct them to Manuel.
24	Like, if they came
25	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Cheryl Taylor
2	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
3	MS. ORTEGA: and Marilyn and then
4	Elsie
5	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
6	MS. ORTEGA: And any time they have
7	questions
8	MR. PATTON: You can sit closer if
9	you want to read my notes. They're not
10	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, no, I'm fine. I
11	just want I'm not trying to read them.
12	MR. PATTON: No, they're not.
13	MS. ORTEGA: I knew you had written
14	down there on the page.
15	MR. PATTON: Yeah. The other budget
16	people
17	MS. ORTEGA: Right. She told
18	them
19	MR. PATTON: if they came to talk
20	to her
21	MS. ORTEGA: she told them to go
22	talk to Manuel because Budgets had to report
23	to him, and she
2 4	MR. PATTON: Well, I guess, what are
25	you
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Dorothy is not over			
2	budget office.			
3	MR. PATTON: what are you			
4	referring to? If they came to Dorothy			
5	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, when they came			
6	MR. PATTON: to talk about what?			
7	MS. ORTEGA: to talk about the			
8	fund condition statement			
9	MR. PATTON: Yeah.			
10	MS. ORTEGA: the discrepancy, she			
11	would tell them to go to Manuel to talk about			
12	it.			
13	MR. PATTON: So okay. So people			
14	under Manny in Budget would come to talk to			
15	Dorothy because they were also frustrated with			
16	this discrepancy? Is that what you're telling			
17	me?			
18	MS. ORTEGA: I don't know.			
19	MR. PATTON: They were concerned.			
20	They wanted to talk with Dorothy about it.			
21	MS. ORTEGA: Right.			
22	MR. PATTON: Just because they like			
23	to talk about discrepancies or they or you			
24	got the impression they were wanting			
25	someone a receptive audience to talk about			
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1	why do we
2	MS. ORTEGA: I think they didn't
3	MR. PATTON: have this
4	discrepancy.
5	MS. ORTEGA: they didn't
6	understand why there was a discrepancy.
7	MR. PATTON: Okay. Okay. So you
8	got other people who are confused as to why
9	there's a discrepancy.
10	MS. ORTEGA: I want and even
11	Manuel and Jason came to Dorothy when they
12	first got there, so they didn't understand
13	either. And Dorothy had been telling them
14	that they need to I don't know, they needed
15	to adjust whatever they're doing
16	reporting to Finance so that it would match
17	ours.
18	MR. PATTON: Yeah. This is your
19	this is your year-end accounting statement.
20	That's what you're
21	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
22	MR. PATTON: When you pick that up,
23	you say "ours".
24	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
25	MR. PATTON: This is your report
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1	going to the C	Controlle	r.
2	MS. C	ORTEGA:	Our fund no.
3	MR. F	PATTON:	This is your budget
4	report.		
5	MS. C	ORTEGA:	Yeah.
6	MR. F	PATTON:	Your fund condition
7	statement.		
8	MS. C	ORTEGA:	This is the report
9	yeah, it's fur	nd condit	ion statement that
10	MR. F	PATTON:	That you're working up
11	for Budget.		
12	MS. C	ORTEGA:	Right.
13	MR. F	PATTON:	All right. Now, come
14	show me this.		
15	MS. C	ORTEGA:	Based on actuals
16	MR. F	PATTON:	Walk me through this.
17	Walk me throug	gh this.	
18	MS. C	ORTEGA:	Okay.
19	MR. F	PATTON:	In fact well
20	MS. C	ORTEGA:	Is there a particular
21	fund		
22	MR. F	PATTON:	Michael, you want to
23	look on?		
24	MS. C	ORTEGA:	you would like to
25	look at?		
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1	MR. MATTSON: Yeah. Lisa
2	MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.
3	MR. MATTSON: I'm just curious.
4	Did you ever did you ever have any
5	outside of a meeting with Manny or any of the
6	other people, did you ever have a conversation
7	with just you and Dorothy about this, like,
8	hey, what like trying to discuss the
9	problem or just kind of it's like like
10	Tom and I talk, we talk about the
11	investigation of what we're going to do and
12	how we're going to do it. Did you ever have
13	those kind of conversations with Dorothy about
14	this at all?
15	MS. ORTEGA: I don't know because
16	our records are correct, so we wouldn't really
17	have to talk about that.
18	MR. MATTSON: Well, I mean, just the
19	situation in general, like, hey, we've got
20	there's all this money and they're not doing
21	anything about it. Did you ever have that
22	kind of conversation?
23	MS. ORTEGA: Just Dorothy saying "I
24	don't understand why they're closing parks,
25	why don't they tell them about the balance and
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1	SPRF."
2	MR. MATTSON: So it sounds like it
3	was more of Dorothy kind of venting her
4	frustration talking to you about it, like,
5	hey
6	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
7	MR. PATTON: why aren't they
8	doing something about it.
9	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay. All right. So
11	we're looking at
12	MS. ORTEGA: Which I didn't bring
13	all the back-up reports.
14	MR. PATTON: This is the SPRF
15	statement.
16	MS. ORTEGA: This is SPRF, so Fund
17	0392, and
18	MR. PATTON: And this is for
19	FY2010-'11?
20	MS. ORTEGA: This was '9 wait. I
21	did it in '11 '10-'11.
22	MR. PATTON: This is FY2010-'11?
23	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. So this is as of
2 4	June 30th reports of 2011. And all of these
25	reports are CALSTARS reports, so G02, B04,
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1	B06
2	MR. PATTON: Okay. Hang on a
3	second. I see it signed off here in August of
4	'11. This is what's getting this is
5	getting communicated is this what gets
6	communicated to DOF or this is being worked up
7	by you and who is this?
8	MS. ORTEGA: Esther.
9	MR. PATTON: Who is she?
10	MS. ORTEGA: She's my staff that
11	works on or one of the staff G in
12	general ledger
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. So she's a
14	person under you on your team?
15	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
16	MR. PATTON: This is dated August.
17	You guys are sending this could where with
18	once you sign off?
19	MS. ORTEGA: To our budget office
20	MR. PATTON: To budget office.
21	MS. ORTEGA: within Parks and
22	Rec.
23	MR. PATTON: This is for them to use
24	as their preparing to submit something at the
25	end of 2011 then?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
2	MR. PATTON: For what will that
3	be? What fiscal year will that be then?
4	MS. ORTEGA: Well, this is the
5	transaction year '11-'12, so I don't know how
6	they're reporting this in Budget so but
7	that would go over in the '11-'12 year.
8	MR. PATTON: Right. And I'm
9	assuming
10	MS. ORTEGA: So probably they're
11	MR. PATTON: for FY2012-'13. If
12	this is going to if this is going to your
13	budget office and then to DOF at the end of
14	'11, I'm assuming it's for working up the
15	FY2012-'13 budget.
16	MS. ORTEGA: I don't know. You'd
17	have to ask Budgets.
18	MR. PATTON: All right. And it
19	shows you're starting with the fund
20	condition statement as of June 30, 2011.
21	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
22	MR. PATTON: So at the end of the
23	fiscal year, which is 2010-'11
24	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
25	MR. PATTON: you are now going
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1	back and you're analyzing all the numbers from
2	the fiscal year.
3	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
4	MR. PATTON: Right?
5	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. Once we're done
6	and we do our year-end closing/year-end
7	opening
8	MR. PATTON: Uh-huh.
9	MS. ORTEGA: we'll use the year-
10	end closing
11	MR. PATTON: Okay.
12	MS. ORTEGA: reports.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay.
14	MS. ORTEGA: That means all of our
15	statements have been submitted to Controllers,
16	but we get reports to fill to prepare
17	the
18	MR. PATTON: So now, as of this
19	time, you're already into, as of that date,
20	the next day you started the 2011-2012 fiscal
21	year.
22	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
23	MR. PATTON: This shows 2010-'11.
24	So this is a fund condition statement for
25	FY2010-'11 at the close of the fiscal year?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
2	MR. PATTON: And
3	MS. ORTEGA: We can't do this sooner
4	because we're working on year-end
5	statements
6	MR. PATTON: Sure.
7	MS. ORTEGA: to Controllers.
8	MR. PATTON: Sure. Okay. So and
9	the next fiscal year kicked in the next day,
10	and so the year's prior fund condition
11	statement went into play
12	MS. ORTEGA: They're here; they're
13	all here.
14	MR. PATTON: in creating The
15	2011-'12 budget. So now this report, it gets
16	generated, and it's going to be worked on in
17	preparing for the 2012-'13 budget. That's
18	I just need it in my head to see the timing of
19	the report, okay?
20	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
21	MR. PATTON: So now, you've got
22	showing okay. So what is it you want to
23	tell us about? You're showing
24	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, I'm just showing
25	the report. I didn't really know what to

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1	bring
2	MR. PATTON: That's all right.
3	MS. ORTEGA: other than the
4	condition statement.
5	MR. PATTON: Good. You're going to
6	teach us something about budgets. You're
7	going to teach us how to be budget people.
8	MS. ORTEGA: No. Accounting.
9	MR. PATTON: Oh, accounting people.
10	MS. ORTEGA: I don't know budgets.
11	MR. PATTON: I'm sorry. I messed
12	up.
13	MR. MATTSON: Wow.
14	MS. ORTEGA: They round, and we're
15	to the penny.
16	MR. PATTON: My mistake.
17	MR. MATTSON: I can tell there's a
18	good delineation between accounting and
19	budgeting, isn't there?
20	MS. ORTEGA: There is, yeah. We're
21	all about actuals.
22	MR. PATTON: Okay.
23	MS. ORTEGA: And I don't know, we
2 4	balance to the penny.
25	MR. MATTSON: And they do they
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1	do
2	MS. ORTEGA: It's bad. I've spent
3	three days balancing for one penny, so that's
4	crazy. But it's all it's all in CALSTARS.
5	All of these numbers come from there.
6	MR. PATTON: I hate that. I'm like
7	that, too. My checking account, if I'm and
8	these days, I'll throw like eight cents'
9	interest every few months, and I'm like
10	MR. MATTSON: I don't get concerned
11	until I find twenty million dollars; that's
12	when I get really concerned.
13	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, sure.
14	MR. PATTON: Right. Okay. So we've
15	got beginning balance, prior year revenue,
16	prior expenses.
17	MS. ORTEGA: This is just the
18	different revenue sources. And so in
19	CALSTARS, when we get a cash receipt or
20	something from Controllers, that these are
21	source codes, and they're in the Uniform
22	Code's Manuals, so that's what they stand for,
23	and so we have to break it down.
24	MR. PATTON: Eighty-two million in
25	fees. You get a lot of perks. Revenue use of
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1	property thirteen million. Okay. So this
2	is so this is okay. That's prior year
3	revenue; this is the current year revenue,
4	right?
5	MS. ORTEGA: There should be
6	expenditures, prior year.
7	MR. PATTON: Right here, right here.
8	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, okay.
9	MR. PATTON: Right?
10	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, EXP, yeah.
11	MR. PATTON: Okay. Now, those are
12	two million dollars different approximately,
13	two million more in expenditures than revenues
14	in the prior year.
15	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
16	MR. PATTON: Where is the where
17	does that two million come up come from?
18	Prior year what's "ENC"?
19	MS. ORTEGA: Well, you don't spend
20	revenue, so it's different.
21	MR. PATTON: Okay.
22	MS. ORTEGA: It's not that we're
23	spending more because I want this is how
24	I understand it. It's the revenue that we
25	collect. Let's just say in the '11-'12
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1	year
2	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.
3	MS. ORTEGA: it would be budgeted
4	in a future year. That's how I've always
5	understood it.
6	MR. PATTON: Okay.
7	MS. ORTEGA: So the revenue we're
8	collecting right now, we can't spend on buying
9	a chair or whatever that year.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay. What is this?
11	"Eight million prior year ENC reversal"? What
12	is that? What's the "ENC reversal"?
13	MS. ORTEGA: This one? "Encumbrance
14	reversal".
15	MR. PATTON: Okay. So this is a
16	positive? You're basically, in the prior
17	year statement, you're freeing up
18	MS. ORTEGA: This
19	MR. PATTON: you're saying
20	MS. ORTEGA: To be honest, I don't
21	really know.
22	MR. PATTON: All right.
23	MS. ORTEGA: But the encumbrances,
24	they get reported on our year-end statements
25	as an expenditure. So then in the new year,
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1	everything gets reversed out. So that's
2	probably what that is.
3	MR. PATTON: Okay. Well, here's
4	what I like. I come down here, and I see
5	MS. ORTEGA: This is
6	MR. PATTON: 250 200
7	MS. ORTEGA: This is the fund
8	balance.
9	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
10	MS. ORTEGA: This is the fund
11	balance right here. So this is just cash. So
12	that's different from your authority and your
13	expenditures.
14	MR. PATTON: Right.
15	MS. ORTEGA: It's just leftover cash
16	at the end of the fiscal year.
17	MR. PATTON: Okay.
18	MS. ORTEGA: Both of those, because
19	what happens, this 1140, that's the cash in
20	the state treasury.
21	MR. PATTON: Uh-huh.
22	MS. ORTEGA: But every time they get
23	at least 1,000 dollars, they invest it in
24	SMIF, and so we have money. This is SMIF. So
25	to us, this is cash; both of them are cash.
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1	MR. PATTON: SMIF is something money
2	investment fund?
3	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
4	MR. PATTON: State Monies Investment
5	Fund. It's their interest account
6	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, the treasury
7	MR. PATTON: at STO, right?
8	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. STO, right?
9	They're the ones that are investing it.
10	MR. PATTON: Treasury office, okay.
11	Okay. So at the close of this fiscal year
12	ending 6/30/2010, you show a fund balance of a
13	positive fifty-two million, right?
14	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
15	MR. PATTON: So and but
16	there's actually sixty-one million on deposit
17	in the state treasury, right?
18	MS. ORTEGA: Cash, that's cash,
19	yeah.
20	MR. PATTON: That's cash. That's
21	a that's different than a fund balance.
22	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. And I don't know
23	how I would explain that but
24	MR. PATTON: Well, is it because
25	there's sixty-one million in cash but of that
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1	cash you've spent and you're waiting for the
2	checks to hit the treasury office and be
3	issued by the Controller totaling nine
4	million, that's going to bring your balance
5	down to fifty-two? Is that why?
6	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, that sounds good.
7	MR. PATTON: Is that a good
8	explanation?
9	MS. ORTEGA: That's a good
10	explanation.
11	MR. PATTON: Because sometimes what
12	shows in my checkbook may be higher
13	MS. ORTEGA: Right better in
14	transit.
15	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
16	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
17	MR. PATTON: Okay.
18	MS. ORTEGA: It could be, yeah,
19	because yeah.
20	MR. PATTON: Now, at the end of the
21	year, I guess
22	MS. ORTEGA: But then the
23	encumbrances, they don't get they've not
2 4	cut warrants yet, so I don't know
25	MR. PATTON: I guess I don't
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understand why this is a basic question. Why at the end of the year would you end up with positive fifty-two million in funds as opposed to spending what you brought in? Wh is the budget doesn't the budget spend wh was available down to fairly close to zero? mean, they're not going to spend every cent they're going to leave a few million in reserve in case you need a few million. But fifty-two million, I almost see this as like	hat I
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10 fifty-two million, I almost see this as like	t
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11 this is a fund surplus at the end of the	
12 fiscal year. Your fund balance, to me, look	k s
13 like money available. Is this what you rely	У
on then for the next year?	
MS. ORTEGA: No.	
MR. PATTON: No.	
MS. ORTEGA: Because, to me, it's	
18 entirely different because we when we ge	t
19 the new Budget Act in the new year, that's	our
20 authority to spend, so that's all they can	
21 spend.	
MR. PATTON: What is the do you	
23 know what what is the and these are	
24 stupid basic questions. How many millions	is
25 the Parks Department budget each year that	- 5
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1	get authority to spend?
2	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, gosh. We have so
3	many funds. We have like thirty-something
4	funds, so I don't know.
5	MR. PATTON: Is it it's a lot
6	bigger than that? Fifty-two million?
7	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
8	MR. PATTON: Is it in the billions?
9	MS. ORTEGA: No, I don't think so.
10	MR. PATTON: Is it in the hundreds
11	of millions?
12	MS. ORTEGA: No I don't know
13	yeah, hundreds of millions probably.
14	MR. PATTON: Okay.
15	MS. ORTEGA: I'm trying to think,
16	because there's local assistance budget
17	authority, too, so and capital outlay.
18	MR. PATTON: So if we were to add
19	them all up together, which we might do
20	eventually, we might be looking at 3-, 4-, 500
21	and some odd million total?
22	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, but every
23	okay. Because each account like local
24	assistance, that's if it's enacted this
25	year, you have two years to spend or encumber
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1	plus an additional four years until it
2	liquidates. So you can't just look at one
3	year of budget authority, because like now,
4	they're income contracts or grant contracts
5	from something that was enacted last year
6	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
7	MS. ORTEGA: or the year before.
8	MR. PATTON: Well, that's
9	MS. ORTEGA: I don't it's not
10	real clear.
11	MR. PATTON: No. My question
12	MS. ORTEGA: It's just the State.
13	MR. PATTON: My question is just
14	MS. ORTEGA: So we have the State
15	budget.
16	MR. PATTON: a State
17	budgeting/accounting question for dummies.
18	When I say a fund balance at the end of a
19	fiscal year of fifty-two million
20	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
21	MR. PATTON: I think, to me,
22	that's a lot of money.
23	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
24	MR. PATTON: But it may not be. It
25	sounds like the overall annual budget is in
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1	the hundreds of millions somewhere, so this is
2	like maybe ten percent plus or minus of the
3	total amount spent each year. So that's not a
4	wildly large balance to be having at the end
5	of the year. That's what I'm trying to get in
6	my head.
7	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
8	MR. PATTON: Do you understand?
9	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
10	MR. PATTON: And I'm sorry for being
11	so dumb about budgets.
12	MS. ORTEGA: No, no, no.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. So I don't know
14	what I mean, basically, you've got fund
15	SPRF fund statements, fund condition
16	statements. This is what this is what your
17	side would work up to give to Budget?
18	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
19	MR. PATTON: Because it because I
20	understand a fund condition statement to be
21	what the budget office then transmits to DOF.
22	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
23	MR. PATTON: This is not the actual
24	fund condition statement then that went to
25	DOF. Is that what you're telling me?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Right, right.
2	MR. PATTON: This is what the
3	accounting side worked up for Budget?
4	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
5	MR. PATTON: And it's got numbers
6	that are different then than what Budget
7	actually transmitted. Is that your
8	understanding?
9	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
10	MR. PATTON: Do you and who
11	MS. ORTEGA: And I think I've heard
12	Dorothy in the past, too, say that at other
13	departments Accounting doesn't even prepare
14	fund condition statements.
15	MR. PATTON: Sure. Okay.
16	MS. ORTEGA: I don't
17	MR. PATTON: So you guys are going
18	above and beyond.
19	MS. ORTEGA: I don't I don't
20	know yeah, because we're good.
21	MR. PATTON: Okay. You have these
22	going back to when?
23	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, gosh.
24	MR. PATTON: I see '02, I just saw
25	'02.
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1	MS. ORTEGA: This is '01-'02. Yeah,
2	this is
3	MR. PATTON: Right.
4	MS. ORTEGA: '01-'02. That's a
5	different one so to '01-'02.
6	MR. PATTON: For SPRF?
7	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
8	MR. PATTON: Okay.
9	MS. ORTEGA: And well
10	MR. PATTON: Dorothy have these
11	also? Are these are these
12	MS. ORTEGA: This is our central
13	one. I think I need to make a couple sets
14	because I'm worried they're going to get lost.
15	MR. PATTON: I'm I just had the
16	same worry.
17	MS. ORTEGA: But we do have them
18	electric we have them electronic, too, but
19	not the signed ones so
20	MR. PATTON: Okay. Will you do us a
21	favor and have someone did I give you my
22	card?
23	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
24	MR. PATTON: Have someone e-mail to
25	me and copy to Michael when you say you
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1	have all these electronically
2	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
3	MR. PATTON: e-mail these to me.
4	MS. ORTEGA: Okay. Do you want a
5	PDF of it or
6	MR. MATTSON: I think the PDF would
7	be great
8	MR. PATTON: PDF's fine.
9	MR. MATTSON: because then we
10	get
11	MS. ORTEGA: Because it has
12	signatures.
13	MR. MATTSON: the signed copy and
14	everything.
15	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
16	MR. PATTON: PDF is great.
17	MS. ORTEGA: And I just started
18	doing this a few years ago. Before, we didn't
19	have who it was prepared by and approved, so
20	it doesn't go all the way back
21	MR. PATTON: Okay. Can you show me
22	on take any one of these
23	MS. ORTEGA: probably just a few
24	years.
25	MR. PATTON: Let's take this one.
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1	This statement is two pages. What is that?
2	MS. ORTEGA: No. It's actually just
3	one page.
4	MR. PATTON: Okay. That's it.
5	MS. ORTEGA: We need it
6	MR. PATTON: What is this?
7	MS. ORTEGA: This is page that's
8	just Esther attaching it. It's to help
9	let's see. There is a figure sometimes
10	Controllers hits our fund balance and not an
11	actual appropriation
12	MR. PATTON: Controller what? Hits?
13	MS. ORTEGA: Hits. They charge.
14	MR. PATTON: Okay.
15	MS. ORTEGA: They'll charge our fund
16	at fund level, and it doesn't hit an actual
17	appropriation. So when we don't balance to
18	the G02, she sometimes has to have an entry,
19	and I don't see it here. Let's see. Yeah.
20	See, these aren't hitting. This is just a
21	subsidiary. Okay. I can just tell by looking
22	at this report, this is generated from
23	CALSTARS; it's a database we have, and I can
24	tell it's not hitting an appropriation. So
25	they just hit our fund at fund level; they
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1	just hit our cash.
2	MR. PATTON: Wow. That sounds
3	ominous. Let's let me look at something
4	else.
5	MS. ORTEGA: So not all of them are
6	going to have that because most of the time
7	MR. PATTON: That's all right.
8	MS. ORTEGA: they're okay.
9	MR. PATTON: That's that's
10	about
11	MS. ORTEGA: They just started doing
12	that I don't know maybe
13	MR. PATTON: That's above my
14	comprehension level.
15	MS. ORTEGA: Every every
16	department starts hitting our account.
17	MR. PATTON: Now, I can see here
18	I can see for these three years you and Esther
19	have been signing these?
20	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
21	MR. PATTON: And then when I get to
22	'08, I don't have so those signatures
23	are
24	MS. ORTEGA: I just started adding
25	them.
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1	MR. PATTON: Well, here's what I
2	want to say is these signatures give me an
3	indication that is this is the Accounting
4	Section's fund condition statement.
5	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
6	MR. PATTON: Because ultimately it's
7	the budget side that sends the final fund
8	condition statement to DOF.
9	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
10	MR. PATTON: And this is not what
11	went.
12	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
13	MR. PATTON: Correct?
14	MS. ORTEGA: From my understanding,
15	yes.
16	MR. PATTON: Because what I'm going
17	to find if I look at this and compare to
18	what went from the budget office to DOF, I'm
19	going to see a number that's approximately
20	twenty million dollars different.
21	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
22	MR. PATTON: Right? Aren't I?
23	Isn't that what this is all about?
24	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, that's what this
25	is about.

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1	MR. PATTON: Okay. And you don't
2	have possession of the fund condition
3	statements that actually issued out of Budget?
4	You only have yours
5	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
6	MR. PATTON: accounting side.
7	MS. ORTEGA: They don't come and
8	give me an updated version or anything.
9	MR. PATTON: Right.
10	MS. ORTEGA: But, having said
11	that
12	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
13	MS. ORTEGA: we do get the salary
14	and wages book which I never even look at. I
15	don't know if they give it to all the
16	managers. I know Dorothy has it, and she was
17	doing analysis on it when everything hit the
18	fan so
19	MR. PATTON: Okay. Now, my question
20	is and I haven't yet seen the actual
21	document that goes from Budget here called a
22	fund condition statement that goes to Finance,
23	but my understanding is what I'm looking at
24	right now that is titled "Fund Condition
25	Statement" is not what I'm going to see when I
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1	look at what actually went to Finance. And my
2	question is, how am I going to be able know
3	that I'm looking at your accounting side fund
4	condition statement and not the fund condition
5	statement from budget. And I can tell for
6	these three years because I see your name on
7	it, and I know who you are and where you're
8	from now.
9	MS. ORTEGA: Right. Yeah, and we
10	should probably add something on there.
11	MR. PATTON: To identify it?
12	MS. ORTEGA: I guess it's yeah.
13	MR. PATTON: Let's do this then.
14	When you PDF these
15	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
16	MR. PATTON: make a notation
17	and you don't have to mark your original, but
18	make a notation
19	MS. ORTEGA: It's Accounting
20	Services Section.
21	MR. PATTON: that it's Accounting
22	Services Section, fund condition statement
23	produced to Budget.
24	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
25	MR. PATTON: Okay?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
2	MR. PATTON: And then and just
3	put your name. So that will help me identify
4	that what I'm looking at is a fund condition
5	statement generated out of Accounting.
6	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
7	MR. PATTON: And where is '03?
8	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, it's over there.
9	MR. PATTON: I got '11, '10, '09
10	where's '09? I got '09 here.
11	MS. ORTEGA: I'm not giving these to
12	you.
13	MR. PATTON: '09. There's '03.
14	Okay. I had to worry there for a second, huh?
15	I like it. You're very thorough, huh, aren't
16	you?
17	MS. ORTEGA: They're in order.
18	MR. PATTON: So am I. I like
19	numbers. I can count to ten.
20	MR. MATTSON: Hey, Lisa. I notice
21	that you got a couple years ago, like you
22	said, you started putting "prepared by,"
23	"approved by"
24	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
25	MR. MATTSON: And I don't know if
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1	you know this or not, but on the Budget's
2	report, do they have the same thing? Do they
3	have a signature on there that shows who
4	prepared it, who approved it?
5	MS. ORTEGA: You know, I really
6	don't know.
7	MR. MATTSON: Okay.
8	MS. ORTEGA: I know they have
9	MR. MATTSON: We have to look at
10	their reports to see that.
11	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. And they have to
12	send it directly to Finance. I'm assuming
13	they would have their name on it. This is
14	just an internal document which is probably
15	why we never had names on it before, but it
16	MR. MATTSON: Because it's internal;
17	it's not going
18	MS. ORTEGA: I just yeah.
19	MR. MATTSON: to anybody
20	official
21	MR. PATTON: What
22	MR. MATTSON: but it makes sense
23	to put your name on it so everybody knows who
24	put it together
25	MS. ORTEGA: Well, yeah
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1	MR. MATTSON: and who said it's
2	okay.
3	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, because we had
4	changes. I had done it, and another one of my
5	staff did it. So this is just to help me know
6	who did it last.
7	MR. PATTON: I like your thinking.
8	I always like to do that, too. I will sign
9	whatever I create and put a date.
10	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. Thank you.
11	MR. PATTON: I find that helpful.
12	You said that something would come back to
13	you? You said something about payroll.
14	MS. ORTEGA: No, I said oh, a
15	salary and wages book.
16	MR. PATTON: Okay.
17	MS. ORTEGA: I think that's the name
18	of it.
19	MR. PATTON: But that's not going to
20	be Budget's fund condition statement. That's
21	just a part of
22	MS. ORTEGA: I think it includes it
23	in there.
24	MR. PATTON: Salary and wages are
25	included in the fund condition statement?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: I think the book is
2	called Salaries and Wages. I'd have to go
3	back and look. And it's just a little bounded
4	book and then bound book. And within it, I
5	think it has their fund condition statements
6	in it.
7	MR. PATTON: Oh.
8	MS. ORTEGA: I'd have to go back and
9	pull it. I have it if you want it.
10	MR. MATTSON: Did they pull that to
11	look at that because of the buyback situation
12	or was that
13	MS. ORTEGA: No. Dorothy was
14	looking at it researching this.
15	MR. MATTSON: This situation?
16	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
17	MR. MATTSON: Gotcha.
18	MR. PATTON: When you when you
19	all are able to identify basically what I'm
20	looking for is your this is very helpful.
21	You're able to show me ten years' worth of
22	accounting you call it the Accounting
23	Division, Accounting Services?
24	MS. ORTEGA: Accounting Services
25	Section.

1	MR. PATTON: You're able to show us
2	ten years of Accounting Services' fund
3	condition statements
4	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
5	MR. PATTON: but that's not the
6	actual fund condition statement that went over
7	to DOF.
8	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
9	MR. PATTON: And so now
10	MS. ORTEGA: You keep asking me
11	that.
12	MR. PATTON: That's right. I'm like
13	a and I will until that's the beauty of
14	the work. I keep asking for it
15	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
16	MR. PATTON: until it happens.
17	So somebody's got them
18	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
19	MR. PATTON: okay?
20	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
21	MR. PATTON: And you may have, in
22	your employment and wages statement is that
23	what you called it?
24	MS. ORTEGA: I think it's salaries
25	and wages.
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1	MR. PATTON: Salaries and wages.
2	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. I'd have to go
3	back and look.
4	MR. PATTON: you may it may be
5	in there. If you find it there, send that to
6	me also if you can.
7	MS. ORTEGA: Well, it's a book.
8	MR. PATTON: I don't want the whole
9	book
10	MS. ORTEGA: Just the page from
11	Parks?
12	MR. PATTON: Yeah, exactly. And
13	make a notation on that
14	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
15	MR. PATTON: where it came from,
16	that this is the salaries and wages book, fund
17	condition statement portion that was that
18	you understand is what was transmitted to DOF.
19	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
20	MR. PATTON: Okay?
21	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum. And then the
22	fund condition statement, too. You wanted all
23	the years of fund of FARSPER (ph.)
24	MR. MATTSON: Yeah, as far back as
25	you got.
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1	MR.	PATTON:	Yeah.
2	MS.	ORTEGA:	As far back? Okay.
3	MR.	PATTON:	Yeah. And feel free
4	MS.	ORTEGA:	You know that retention
5	is only five	years, bu	at we kept them.
6	MR.	MATTSON:	That's what Dorothy
7	told us.		
8	MS.	ORTEGA:	Oh, okay.
9	MR.	PATTON:	Yeah. We're giving you
10	extra credit	for that.	
11	MS.	ORTEGA:	Okay.
12	MR.	PATTON:	You're going to get it.
13	MR.	MATTSON:	Yeah, it's pretty
14	MS.	ORTEGA:	Dorothy's really good.
15	She's		
16	MR.	MATTSON:	Seems like she's very
17	thorough.		
18	MR.	PATTON:	So when we
19	MS.	ORTEGA:	She is.
20	MR.	PATTON:	When we assign annual
21	grades		
22	MS.	ORTEGA:	And she's always, like,
23	Lisa, documer	nt, docume	ent, document.
24	MR.	PATTON:	Yeah. No, it's great.
25	MS.	ORTEGA:	She's been telling us
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1	that for years.
2	MR. PATTON: You guys are getting a
3	lot of extra credit for that.
4	MS. ORTEGA: She's really good.
5	MR. PATTON: I like it. And it will
6	be reflected in your final midterm final
7	and midterm grades.
8	MS. ORTEGA: Do we get raises?
9	MR. PATTON: I don't know about
10	that. I only get to hand out happy faces.
11	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
12	MR. MATTSON: Yeah, stars.
13	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
14	MR. PATTON: Yeah. And that is. I
15	mean, that gives me a happy face. We get to
16	share in that. By the way, feel free to tell
17	Dorothy no secrets here. We talked to
18	Dorothy. We're going to keep talking with
19	her. You guys have a lot of valuable
20	information, and so I'm asking you because you
21	have these files. I think she may have
22	brought them when we sat down, and we'll be
23	talking with her some more. But you feel free
24	to tell her that that Patton guy and Michael
25	Mattson asked that they be given a copy of
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1	that.
2	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
3	MR. PATTON: There's no we're not
4	trying to trick anybody.
5	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
6	MR. MATTSON: Yeah, especially if
7	you guys come together and think of anything
8	that we haven't asked or that we might find
9	useful, it would really help us out a lot.
10	MS. ORTEGA: Okay. I'll send my
11	employment history, too, because I'm not
12	comfortable
13	MR. PATTON: All right.
14	MS. ORTEGA: with the dates that
15	I gave you.
16	MR. PATTON: That's good. All
17	right. You want my notes to be right. You're
18	very I like you. You're particular. You
19	like facts to be correct.
20	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
21	MR. PATTON: I do, too.
22	MR. MATTSON: These numbers people.
23	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
24	MS. ORTEGA: Because you called me
25	Assistant Accounting Officer, and that's not
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1	the title.
2	MR. PATTON: I called you that?
3	MS. ORTEGA: Well, it's on my memo
4	to come. This one.
5	MR. PATTON: Oh, that's terrible.
6	MR. MATTSON: That's
7	MS. ORTEGA: I told Dorothy I'm
8	Assistant
9	MR. MATTSON: nothing
10	MS. ORTEGA: Accounting Officer;
11	that's lower level.
12	MR. MATTSON: Nothing frustrates me
13	more than someone getting my title wrong.
14	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
15	MR. MATTSON: Isn't that funny?
16	MR. PATTON: You got your title
17	your title is wait, don't wait, wait
18	Accounting Administrator II.
19	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
20	MR. PATTON: That's your title. I'm
21	going to fix it here in pen.
22	MS. ORTEGA: See? And then
23	MR. PATTON: This is what I got from
24	Parks. See?
25	MS. ORTEGA: Okay. But then this is
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1	telling me to go to Room 1005.
2	MR. MATTSON: That's all messed up,
3	isn't it?
4	MR. PATTON: That's right. What
5	happened what happened when you did that?
6	MS. ORTEGA: No number. I was late.
7	No, Gwen came and told me to come or she told
8	Dorothy to tell me to come to this room. I
9	was just late because I was in a room without
10	a clock.
11	MR. PATTON: Now, all you found
12	out what you discovered about us so far
13	then is that we don't really know your title
14	and we don't really know what room we're
15	operating out of, okay?
16	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
17	MR. PATTON: Everything gets sort
18	of we have to figure it out as we go, too.
19	Okay?
20	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
21	MR. PATTON: So tell me what you
22	know about so you knew and Dorothy
23	you were part of these conversations for a lot
24	of years where Dorothy would talk to the
25	budget people, hey, what about this money in
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1	SPRF. And were you familiar at all with the
2	amount in SPRF? And I'm going to show you
3	I have seen this, and I don't know how I
4	don't know how exact this is, but I and I
5	think I got this from DOF, I'll have to look,
6	but the number this reflects a difference
7	between what was reported to the SCO and what
8	was reported to
9	MS. ORTEGA: How do you know?
10	There's nothing written on there.
11	MR. PATTON: Oh, just because I know
12	because it yeah, I have great
13	MS. ORTEGA: There's no titles or
14	anything.
15	MR. PATTON: Does the reason
16	MS. ORTEGA: Did it get cut off?
17	MR. PATTON: Gosh, she's picky. It
18	did get cut off. You want to know why?
19	MS. ORTEGA: It was on a bigger
20	MR. PATTON: Because when
21	MS. ORTEGA: piece of paper?
22	MR. PATTON: Exactly.
23	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, okay.
24	MR. PATTON: Exactly. And I'm not
25	very good with copying machines, and this is
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1	an eight and a half by eleven. All right.
2	This you don't like. I'm going to try to
3	remedy that, okay? Now, let me see if I have
4	it. I might. And then again, I might not,
5	because I realized they're in my way also. In
6	fact, I think Michael might have it; I'm not
7	sure.
8	MR. MATTSON: I'm looking.
9	MR. PATTON: I'm just for right
10	now, just
11	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
12	MR. PATTON: bear with me, laugh,
13	oh, yeah, she likes it, she sees it, she wants
14	titles. You like this, huh?
15	MS. ORTEGA: Well, yes.
16	MR. PATTON: You like that.
17	MS. ORTEGA: I've just never
18	MR. PATTON: I know you've never.
19	I've just never either.
20	MS. ORTEGA: Just numbers.
21	MR. MATTSON: That can mean
22	anything.
23	MR. PATTON: '02. Okay. That's
24	right. This is it. Okay. You like this
25	better? Because now I have
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Yes.
2	MR. PATTON: the titles. You
3	like that better, don't you? And these are
4	the same numbers, okay?
5	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
6	MR. PATTON: Now, see, I was going
7	to tell you I was going to point right here
8	without even looking at it. I was going to
9	point here, and I was going to say this is
10	what went to the Controller, this is what went
11	to DOF, and here's the difference. And look.
12	I would have been right.
13	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
14	MR. PATTON: See that? See that?
15	MS. ORTEGA: That's what's wrong.
16	Yeah.
17	MR. PATTON: There's an adjust.
18	There's a couple adjusts. But anyways, the
19	point is this and we'll use this because
20	we've got you like identifiers. I like
21	that. That's good. I so in this account
22	and this one now, I've got going back to '98
23	and '99 here.
24	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
25	MR. PATTON: And this was on a

1	longer spreadsheet, and I got cut off, okay?
2	So when we go to look at this, I'm going to do
3	this; I'm going to go like this for you.
4	How's that?
5	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
6	MR. PATTON: Will that be helpful?
7	MS. ORTEGA: That's fine.
8	MR. PATTON: Okay. You like that?
9	MS. ORTEGA: I'd like to have a
10	ruler, but go ahead.
11	MR. PATTON: I like it.
12	MS. ORTEGA: Just ask your question.
13	MR. PATTON: Yeah, okay.
14	MS. ORTEGA: Because it's kind of
15	small.
16	MR. PATTON: This difference
17	fluctuated a little going back to '02 to a
18	twenty-six million underreport, twenty-nine,
19	twenty-six, twenty-three. It's hovered fairly
20	consistently at twenty-one, twenty, basically
21	that's twenty, nineteen, twenty, twenty. Last
22	year's varied close. Do you do you happen
23	to have any understanding as to why this
24	underreport number differed by a few million
25	back here?
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1	MS. ORTEGA: No.
2	MR. PATTON: You don't know? Okay.
3	MS. ORTEGA: I guess that's
4	consistent.
5	MR. PATTON: Do you happen to
6	have
7	MS. ORTEGA: No, I don't.
8	MR. PATTON: Do you happen to
9	have now, when I go back even further
10	I'll put this here so you have something to
11	line it up to. I'm going to go back here
12	well, yeah, it starts out at about nine and a
13	half and goes to fourteen and then twenty.
14	MS. ORTEGA: Oh, this is rounded,
15	huh? Okay.
16	MR. PATTON: That number doesn't
17	make any sense to me. I don't know why that
18	one's so different. And then we do what I
19	just showed you, twenty-six, twenty-five, six,
20	twenty-three, then we start to even out at
21	twenty. You don't know anything about the
22	nine-fourteen-twenty growth spurt
23	MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh, no.
24	MR. PATTON: little old growth
25	spurt

1	MS. ORTEGA: No.
2	MR. PATTON: in our adolescent
3	years? Okay. You don't know anything?
4	MS. ORTEGA: No.
5	MR. PATTON: Okay. Do you know
6	anything about here's the Off Highway Fund.
7	And I've got have you have there been
8	any discussions about discrepancies in the Off
9	Highway Fund, what was reported to SCO
10	versus
11	MS. ORTEGA: Just what I saw in the
12	article. I have always heard it was SPRF. I
13	didn't know about OHV.
14	MR. PATTON: Okay.
15	MS. ORTEGA: I know there was a
16	discussion about it, but I think you should
17	talk to Cheryl Taylor and Marilyn because I
18	think they had a meeting with OHV, but
19	that's
20	MR. PATTON: Okay.
21	MS. ORTEGA: So I don't know if it
22	was about that.
23	MR. PATTON: Talk to Cheryl Taylor,
24	Evans?
25	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah. Cheryl Taylor
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1	and Marilyn Evans. They would know.
2	MR. PATTON: Who's the Evans-Jones?
3	MS. ORTEGA: She was
4	MR. PATTON: Cheryl Taylor
5	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, and Marilyn.
6	MR. PATTON: and Marilyn
7	Evans-Jones?
8	MS. ORTEGA: Um-hum.
9	MR. PATTON: They're in Budget?
10	MS. ORTEGA: They were, yeah. They
11	both have left.
12	MR. PATTON: Talk to them about the
13	OHV?
14	MS. ORTEGA: I think, yeah, because
15	they oh, why is that these are credits.
16	MR. PATTON: I know.
17	MS. ORTEGA: Why would it go from
18	there to that big
19	MR. PATTON: That's what I that's
20	my question.
21	MS. ORTEGA: Can I ask who prepared
22	this?
23	MR. PATTON: I don't know. I think
2 4	it came out of
25	MS. ORTEGA: And we've already
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1	verified the figures like
2	MR. PATTON: No, nothing's verified.
3	MS. ORTEGA: verify?
4	MR. PATTON: No, no, no. None
5	of this is
6	MR. MATTSON: Lisa, can you verify
7	it for us?
8	MS. ORTEGA: It would take me a
9	while. My year-end statements have to come
10	first.
11	MR. MATTSON: For the record, that
12	was a joke by Michael Mattson. We don't
13	know the basic thing is that I'm getting
14	and I don't have any final verified numbers.
15	The basic thing I'm getting is that the and
16	I will tell you
17	MS. ORTEGA: And nobody's just heard
18	of SPRF.
19	MR. PATTON: Yeah, okay.
20	MS. ORTEGA: Dorothy has always
21	talked about that and not really the
22	MR. PATTON: You never really
23	okay, because what I'm getting is that the
24	numbers in OHV have swung wildly from big
25	underreported dollars to big overreported
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1	dollars.
2	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
3	MR. PATTON: You don't know
4	you've not you've not had anything to do
5	with trying to
6	MS. ORTEGA: No.
7	MR. PATTON: prep those numbers
8	up?
9	MS. ORTEGA: We just always know OHV
10	has a ton of money.
11	MR. PATTON: Do you not you
12	don't is that right?
13	MS. ORTEGA: They do, yeah, because
14	they pulled they borrowed ninety million
15	from OHV in '08-'09.
16	MR. PATTON: Who
17	MR. MATTSON: Who borrowed the
18	money?
19	MS. ORTEGA: It's Controllers, State
20	Controllers. They just I don't know the
21	process when they go through loans, but I had
22	to do research, and they pulled they did a
23	loan of ninety million, twenty-one million,
2 4	and twenty-two million.
25	MR. PATTON: Who
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1	MS. ORTEGA: So they just keep doing
2	it.
3	MR. PATTON: Who works up the
4	numbers for OHV, the accounting numbers?
5	MS. ORTEGA: I have fund balances
6	for OHV, too.
7	MR. PATTON: You do?
8	MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.
9	MR. PATTON: You do? Okay.
10	MS. ORTEGA: I'm not sure we have
11	like thirty-three funds. We don't do fund
12	conditions for all the funds.
13	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.
14	MS. ORTEGA: I'm not really sure why
15	we do them for these. My assumption is it's
16	because these have revenue.
17	MR. PATTON: All right.
18	MR. MATTSON: Is it because you're
19	the administrating agency over these funds?
20	MS. ORTEGA: It could be, but we
21	have other nonshared funds, and they're not in
22	here; maybe they're not as large. I don't
23	MR. MATTSON: Well, they're just
24	assigned to other agencies maybe?
25	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.

1	MR. PATTON: All right. Don't I
2	don't want to worry too much about OHV right
3	now.
4	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
5	MR. PATTON: I'm going down a
6	different path to try to get
7	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
8	MR. PATTON: an understanding of
9	why I'm seeing what I'm seeing with OHV. So
10	let me not bother you with that further. All
11	right. What have I forgotten to ask you?
12	There's some big glaring hole in my in my
13	interview, right?
14	MS. ORTEGA: I don't know. Is
15	there?
16	MR. PATTON: No? You can't think of
17	it?
18	MS. ORTEGA: I think you've thought
19	of everything.
20	MR. PATTON: Really? All right.
21	All right. How's so how's the mood now
22	in is there are people calming down yet
23	or are they all
24	MS. ORTEGA: You know, I've been
25	locked up in a conference room, so I haven't
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1	heard staff really
2	MR. PATTON: Okay.
3	MS. ORTEGA: too much, but there
4	is rumors. They're asking is Dorothy going to
5	get fired, and they just don't need to be
6	talking like that.
7	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
8	MS. ORTEGA: It's just bad. And
9	every day there's an article in the paper.
10	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
11	MS. ORTEGA: That's not good.
12	MR. PATTON: Well, and I'll tell you
13	what I told Dorothy was that I understand
14	it's like there was this long period of time
15	where sort of a fairly significant secret was
16	being kept, and it made you've described,
17	Dorothy was a little agitated over it. She
18	would confront the budget people periodically.
19	And it's stressful trying to hold on to a
20	secret. And then the secret's out, and then
21	you get all this press, and then people are
22	losing jobs, and there's tumult at the Parks
23	Department. But from here forward now so
24	now there's this examination. Different
25	agencies are coming in and going, okay, what
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1	happened. And then eventually, we'll pretty
2	much get to the bottom of it. There's
3	answers, there's reasons why all this happened
4	and how it happened. And then going forward,
5	it's like, now we're no longer harboring this
6	secret
7	MS. ORTEGA: Right.
8	MR. PATTON: that was so
9	burdensome.
10	MS. ORTEGA: And it's a good thing.
11	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
12	MS. ORTEGA: And then if they're
13	auditing us, it's fine.
14	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
15	MS. ORTEGA: We do things right in
16	Accounting.
17	MR. PATTON: That's what I hear.
18	MS. ORTEGA: So if there's always
19	stuff that we need to improve, then it'll come
20	out, I guess.
21	MR. PATTON: Okay.
22	MS. ORTEGA: So it's okay.
23	MR. PATTON: So I just hope
24	everybody can like just breathe. Go to yoga,
25	breathe.

1	MS. ORTEGA: We all bought some park
2	shirts a while ago, and nobody's wearing them
3	right now.
4	MR. PATTON: Really?
5	MS. ORTEGA: They have the logo,
6	yeah.
7	MR. PATTON: Oh, come on. No, I
8	MS. ORTEGA: Nobody in Accounting
9	I haven't seen them wear we usually wear
10	them on Fridays.
11	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Tell them I
12	MS. ORTEGA: I did see one guy from
13	this floor, he's from here.
14	MR. PATTON: Tell them that the guy
15	from the Attorney General's Office, they want
16	to they'd like to see you guys proud of
17	where you work and wearing park shirts again.
18	MS. ORTEGA: I bought some for my
19	dad for golf, too, and he's like, I'm not
20	wearing it.
21	MR. PATTON: No. This will all
22	this is all going to be in the past.
23	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
24	MR. PATTON: Yeah. All right.
25	MS. ORTEGA: So how long do the
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1	investigations take?
2	MR. PATTON: Oh, you know
3	MS. ORTEGA: A long time?
4	MR. PATTON: sometimes a long
5	time. There's like there's this thing
6	will I think my part is not to long, but I
7	think examining all the financial records,
8	you're a numbers person, you know better than
9	I do how long it takes the numbers-type people
10	to go in and
11	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
12	MR. PATTON: they'll be
13	MS. ORTEGA: So it will be longer.
14	MS. ORTEGA: they'll be trying to
15	pull numbers and they're and now they're
16	I think they're looking at more than just
17	partial special funds; they're looking at
18	MR. MATTSON: All the special funds.
19	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah, that's good.
20	MR. PATTON: So I can't really
21	MS. ORTEGA: Well, I know they used
22	to. That's what Dorothy was showing me from
23	the information she had.
24	MR. PATTON: They used to what?
25	MS. ORTEGA: Finance used to ask the
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1	agencies why there was a discrepancy between
2	Controllers' figures and Finance.
3	MR. PATTON: I've seen a couple
4	memos where Finance asked that in 2003 and
5	2002. Are you familiar with those memos?
б	MS. ORTEGA: Just Dorothy had showed
7	me when she was doing research. She was proud
8	of her documentation.
9	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Had you ever
10	seen those before
11	MS. ORTEGA: No.
12	MR. PATTON: she showed you?
13	MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.
14	MR. PATTON: That's an interesting
15	thing that you raised. Actually, I think
16	they're back in my office. But anyways, we do
17	have two reports from we have two memos
18	from '02 and '03 from Finance, and they both
19	say the same thing. It's a carbon copy of the
20	memo, saying there are discrepancies between
21	numbers reported in the special these
22	following special funds
23	MS. ORTEGA: Yeah.
24	MR. PATTON: between what's been
25	reported
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1	MS. ORTEGA: Probably a change in
2	staff over there, they forgot to do it. I
3	don't know.
4	MR. PATTON: Okay. Interesting.
5	Thank you so much.
6	MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
7	MR. MATTSON: Okay. It is now 2:04
8	in the p.m., and the interview is over.
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